

Ministry of Praise

October

Blessings of *The Rosary*

The Rosary is a simple prayer deeply rooted in the Catholic tradition. Its purpose is to immerse us in the mysteries of the

“With the Rosary, the Christian people SIT AT THE SCHOOL OF MARY and are led to experience the depth of Christ’s love.” (John Paul II)

Christian faith.

The **SCHOOL OF MARY** is first and foremost a school of Christian discipleship.



The Mysteries of the Rosary are designed to help focus our prayer on the life, ministry and Passion of Our Lord. Pope Pius XII described the rosary prayer as “the compendium of the entire Gospel”. Meditating on the life of Christ — with the prayers of the Holy Rosary — through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary — is a sure way of growing in faith and in your understanding of your faith.

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES focus on the Incarnation, allowing us to ponder the joy of God’s Word entering this world as a small child.

THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES focus on Jesus’ public ministry. We are reminded that this ministry continues to this day in His followers.

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES concern the horrific events of Jesus’ passion and death. They lead us through the drama of Calvary.

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES celebrate the glories of Jesus and Mary, highlighting the fruits of our redemption and keeping alive our hope.

LET US PRAY: O God, whose only begotten Son, by his life, death, and resurrection, has purchased us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech you, that meditating on these mysteries in the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise through Christ our Lord. Amen.

To *JESUS* ... Through *MARY*

HAIL MARY, FULL OF GRACE, THE LORD IS WITH THEE.

Each of us is called to be a sign of God's presence in the world. We know that God is with us when we bear the gift of love, peace and compassion throughout the day.

Lord Jesus, I, too, was created to be a living sign of your presence in the world. Give me the grace to bear witness to the reality of your love and peace in all my relationships.

And, just as You were the center of Mary's life, may You be the center of all my thoughts and actions today and every day.



THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee O Virgin of Virgins my Mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me, Amen.

Lord, Mary was chosen to fulfill God's plan in the world. Give me the wisdom to discern and to fulfill your purpose in my life.

**Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us!**

Lord, Mary is a source of strength and hope for your people. She always believed in your power to make all things new. Renew my resolve to face life's disasters with courage and hope.

**Mary, Our Lady of Assistance,
pray for us!**

Lord, Mary remained a faithful mother in the midst of your pain and suffering. She did not abandon you. Increase my capacity to trust, love and hope in times of pain and trouble.

**Mary, at the foot of the Cross,
pray for us!**

Lord, Mary's whole life was a prayer of hope and love. Help me to join my voice with others in praying for peace in our world.

**Mary, Queen of Peace,
pray for us!**

Our Needs, Worries and Concerns

With prayer and thanks we make our petitions known to the Father:

† That our parish will grow in faith, hope and love through deeper devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Holy Rosary, we pray: *Father hear us.*

† For Pope Francis, that he will have the Spirit’s guidance as he faces the Church’s abuse problems, we pray: *Father hear us.*

† That the Church will go forth to those who are wounded and in need of an attentive ear, forgiveness and love, we pray: *Father hear us.*

† That God will direct the minds and hearts of those in public office for the true peace and freedom of all, we pray: *Father hear us.*

† Blessings on all newly ordained priests and our resident priests, Father Dennis, Father Doug and Father Scott, we pray: *Father hear us.*

† For the victims of natural disasters — hurricanes, floods and fires, we pray: *Father hear us.*

† For children with special needs, their parents and their families, that they will be given the help and support they need, we pray: *Father hear us.*

† For the sick and hospitalized, especially those listed in the bulletin, we pray: *Father hear us.*

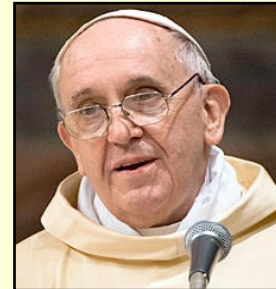
† For the addicted, we pray: *Father hear us.*

† For the poor, the hungry, the homeless, and the unemployed, that the Lord will help them in His mercy, we pray: *Father hear us.*

† For the elderly, especially those who are very lonely, we pray: *Father hear us.*

† Grant eternal rest to the faithful departed and may you welcome them into their heavenly home, we pray: *Father hear us.*

*Loving Father, you have done great things for us!
We are filled with joy. Keep us united with you
in all things.*



**Words by
Pope Francis:
We cannot sleep peacefully while babies are dying of hunger and the elderly are without medical assistance.**



Those Who Recently Found Eternal Rest:
Sigmund Ricker
Robert Fischer
Joseph Suever
Elmer Dickman
Dolores German
James Sendelbach
Virgil German

THOUGHTS and PRAYERS

FOR OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

Blessed are You, Lord God of mercy, who gave us the great commandment of love for one another. Send down your blessings on these, your servants, who so generously devote themselves to helping others, and protect them always as they work to protect us all. Grant them courage when they are afraid, wisdom when they must make quick decisions, strength when they are weary, and compassion in all their work. When the alarm sounds, and they are called to aid both friend and stranger, let them faithfully serve you in their neighbor. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING OF PETS



As autumn arrives, people in various places may notice a procession of animals being led to churches for a special ceremony called the “Blessing of Pets.” This custom is conducted in memory of St. Francis of Assisi’s love for all creatures. Francis, whose feast day is Oct. 4, loved all creatures, big and small.

At Franciscan churches a Franciscan friar welcomes each animal with a special prayer. The Blessing of Pets usually goes like this:

Blessed are You, Lord, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air, and animals on land. You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this pet. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise You for Your beauty in creation.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, in all your creatures. Amen.

HAPPY FALL

Being a Christian is like being a pumpkin. God lifts you up, takes you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. He opens you up, touches you deep inside and scoops out all the yucky stuff — including the seeds of doubt, hate and greed. Then he carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside you to shine for the entire world to see. Pass this on to a pumpkin you know.





HARVEST TIME

PSALM 67 (5-7)

May the peoples praise You, O God, may all the peoples praise You!
 The land has produced its harvest; God, our God, has blessed us.
 God has blessed us; may all people everywhere honor Him.

Most gracious God, we give You hearty thanks and praise for the return of seedtime and harvest, for the increase of the ground and the gathering of its fruits, and for all the other blessings of your merciful providence bestowed upon this nation and people. And, give us a just sense of these great mercies as they appear in our lives.

For those whose harvest is poor, whose crops have withered, water tainted, children starve, help those who bring relief and bestow on us an unaccustomed generosity, that all may share from Your garden and all might sing your praise.

Before the harvest there is the planting and the nurturing.

In the harvest, there is the thanks.

After the harvest should come the giving.

Father, please grow in each of us a harvest for the world. Come sow a seed of hope within our souls that we might yield goodness, patience and kindness in abundance. Sow a seed of peace in our lives Lord, that we might bear the fruits of forgiveness, compassion and righteousness. Come sow a seed of love in our hearts, Lord, that others would reap the blessings of family, friendship and community. May each seed of hope, peace and love grow within us into a harvest that can be feasted on by all.

“Go give to the needy sweet charity’s bread.

For giving is living,” the angel said.

“And must I be giving again and again?”

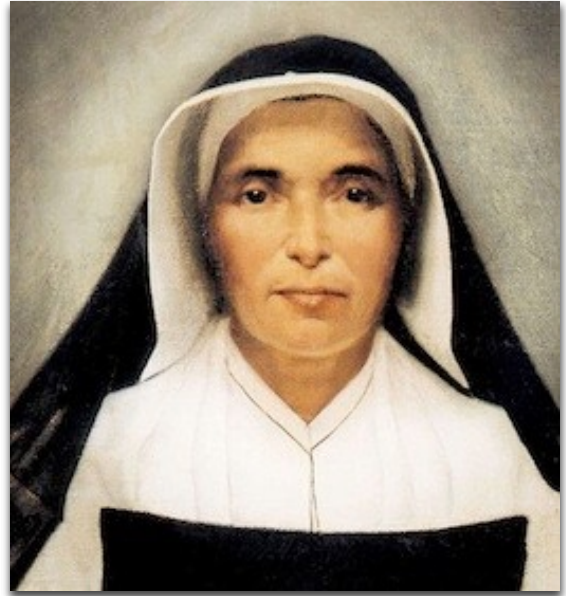
My peevish petulant answer ran.

“Oh no,” said the angel, piercing me through,

“Just give till the Master stops giving to you.”

The EIGHTH AMERICAN SAINT

Saint Mother Theodore Guerin, born in France in 1798, cared for her ailing mother for several years and in 1823 she entered the Sisters of Providence. At the invitation of the Vincennes, Indiana bishop, she and five sisters were sent in 1840 to Indiana, even before it was a state, to care for the sick poor. But Mother Theodore's life as a woman religious was not without conflicts. After the sisters arrived in New York they had to travel by stage coach, steamboat, canal boat and train before they reached the small farmhouse in the middle of a forest which would be their first home. It was there that Mother Theodore founded the oldest U.S. Catholic women's college, St. Mary -of-the-Woods Academy.



Later Mother Theodore would become engaged in a struggle with the local bishop, who went so far as to dismiss her from her Congregation, tell her to get out of the diocese and threaten her with excommunication. Ultimately the bishop resigned and Mother Theodore's services continued.

Saint Mother Theodore Guerin left a legacy of service, piety and faith across two continents. In France she worked with the schools, but it was in the fledgling United States that her abilities shone. She founded a new Congregation of the Sisters of Providence and built schools, orphanages and even a pharmacy. She was canonized on October 15, 2006.

THE OTHER SEVEN AMERICAN SAINTS

- ST. ISAAC JOGUES** — Worked with Native Americans, Canonized on June 29, 1930.
- ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI** — Came from Italy to help Italian immigrants, Canonized in 1946.
- ST. RENE' GOUPIL** — Jesuit missionary, captured, tortured and killed by the Iroquois, Canonized June 29, 1930.
- ST. ELIZABETH ANN BAYLEY SETON** — convert to Catholicism, once married with family, life devoted to charity and education, Canonized Sept. 14, 1975.
- ST. JOHN NEUMANN** — missionary priest, fourth bishop of Philadelphia, brought seven religious communities to Philadelphia. Canonized June 19, 1977.
- ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE** — missionary to Native Americans, cared for their sick, opened convent school in Missouri, Canonized July 3, 1988.
- ST. KATHERINE DREXEL** — founded Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Blacks, focused her work on the nation's poorest, Canonized October 1, 2000.